

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. Hence, claims 1-12 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,900 to Anand *et al.* (hereinafter “Anand”) in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,900 to Walker *et al.* (hereinafter “Walker”).

Claims 5 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand in view of Walker as applied to claims 1 and 8 above, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,764 to Melchoine, *et al.* (hereinafter “Melchoine”).

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more particularly recite the Applicant’s claimed invention. Support for the amendments may be found, among other places, at page 11, lines 14-28. Thus, no new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 includes the limitation of, “a data manager arranged to relate data maintained independently from the host site and input by a user with the user’s billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report, wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site and input by the user is displayed as part of the requested report.” This limitation is not taught or suggested by either Anand or Walker. The office action refers to a PIN illustrated in one of the figures in Walker as partially teaching this limitation. However, the PIN is not displayed as part of the requested report as is the Applicant’s independently-maintained data. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.

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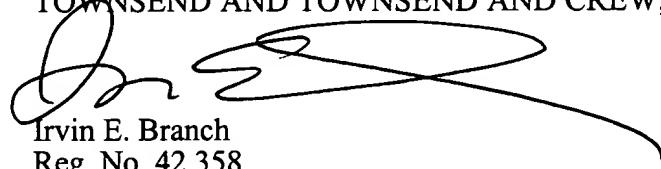
Claim 8 includes a similar limitation and is, therefore, believed to be allowable, at least for this reason.

Claims 2-7 and 9-12 depend from either of claims 1 and 8 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 8.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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